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1. SUMMARY. ALGERIAN DAILIES OF JANUARY 22 HIGHLIGHT TEXT OF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S WARM MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT PROVIDE ALMOST NO DETAILS ON INAUGURAL ADDRESS OR FESTIVITIES. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ALGIERS' "ASH-SHA'B" OF JANUARY 22 AND PROVINCIAL PAPERS OF JANUARY 20 HAMMERS AT SHOPWORN THEME THAT, WHILE STYLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY MAY CHANGE FROM "POLITICO-MILITARY" TO "ECONOMIC" APPROACH, SUBSTANCE OF POLICY ITSELF WILL NOT CHANGE. END SUMMARY.

2. JANUARY 22 EDITIONS OF LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED FRENCH-LANGUAGE ALGIERS DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARABIC-LANGUAGE ALGIERS DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S WARM MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON OCCASION HIS INAUGURATION ON FRONT PAGES. UNDER HEADLINES OF "PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE CONGRATULATES NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT" (ASH-SH'AB) AND "U.S. PRESIDENT
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TAKES OATH OF OFFICE: MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO MR. CARTER" (EL-MOUDJAHID), BOTH PAPERS PRINT FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN ALGIERS 0185.

3. PAPERS PROVIDE HARDLY ANY DETAILS OF INAUGURAL. "ASH-SHA'B" DOES NOTE THAT PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS PLEDGED

HE WOULD MAKE NEW EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN "QUIET STRENGTH" BASED NOT ON "MILITARY FORCE" BUT ON "NOBILITY OF IDEAS". PAPER THEN COMBINES THIS SHORT REPORT WITH NEWS OF EXPLOSION AT UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN JANUARY 22 "ASH-SHA'B" AND JANUARY 20 "AN-NASR" (CONSTANTINE) AND "AL-JUMHURIYYA" (ORAN) HAMMERS AT SHOPWORN THEME THAT, WHILE STYLE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY MAY CHANGE FROM "POLITICO-MILITARY" TO "ECONOMIC-" APPROACH, SUBSTANCE OF POLICY ITSELF WILL NOT CHANGE. "ASH-SHA'B" WRITES: "CHANGE AT TOP OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECT AMERICAN POLICY AND WORLD COMMUNITY.... WHILE CARTER'S POLITICAL COMMITMENT ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IS NOT VERY DIFFERENT FROM AMERICA'S TRADITIONAL POLICY, WE WILL SEE A CHANGE IN STYLE OF EXECUTING THIS POLICY.... CARTER AND HIS ASSISTANTS PREFER OPEN, GROUP DIPLOMACY TO KISSINGER'S SECRET, PERSONAL DIPLOMACY.... ALSO, NEW AMERICAN POLICY WILL INEVITABLY BE DOMINATED BY ECONOMICS.... FORMER APPROACH, WHICH WAS EMBODIED IN POLITICO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS AND RELIED ON SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS OPEN TO CONSTANT REVIEW, WILL BE REPLACED BY NEW 'ECONOMIC' DIPLOMACY, WHICH WILL SEEK LASTING SOLUTIONS THROUGH MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THIS DIPLOMACY CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS/ (A) CREATION OF NEW TYPE OF RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST STATES ON BASIS THAT BALANCE OF TERROR IS NOW STABLE; (B) ABANDONMENT OF VIEW LINKING NORTH-SOUTH STRUGGLE TO EAST-WEST STRUGGLE. U.S. WILL MULTIPLY ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFORTS TO WIN OVER CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA AND USE THEM TO FRAGMENT THIRD-WORLD UNITY; (C) REPLACEMENT OF AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE ABROAD WITH ECONOMIC DOMINATION THROUGH AMERICA'S 'SATRAPs' IN REGIONS UNDER ITS INFLUENCE."

5. "AN-NASR" WRITES: "CARTER'S POLITICAL GOALS WILL NOT DIFFER FROM THOSE OF FORMER AMERICAN POLICIES. ONLY STYLE WILL CHANGE.... HIS POLICY WILL BE BASED ON ECONOMIC WEAPON MORE THAN ON 'BIG STICK' POLICY.... THIRD WORLD IS FACING FOOD CRISIS, AND USA HAS SOME WINNING CARDS IN THIS FIELD.... CARTER INTENDS TO MAKE THE DOLLAR INTO A MAGIC WAND WITH WHICH TO DIVIDE THE WATERS."

6. "AL-JUMHURIYYA" WRITES: "THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. RESULT IS THE SAME. WE SHOULD NOT PUT ANY STOCK IN PROMISES CARTER MADE DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, SINCE EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN OVER THE YEARS THAT

NO AMERICAN PRESIDENT KEEPS HIS PROMISES."LYNE

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